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A COMMUTER'S GUIDE TO SERVICES IN THE 355 AND I-270 CORRIDORS

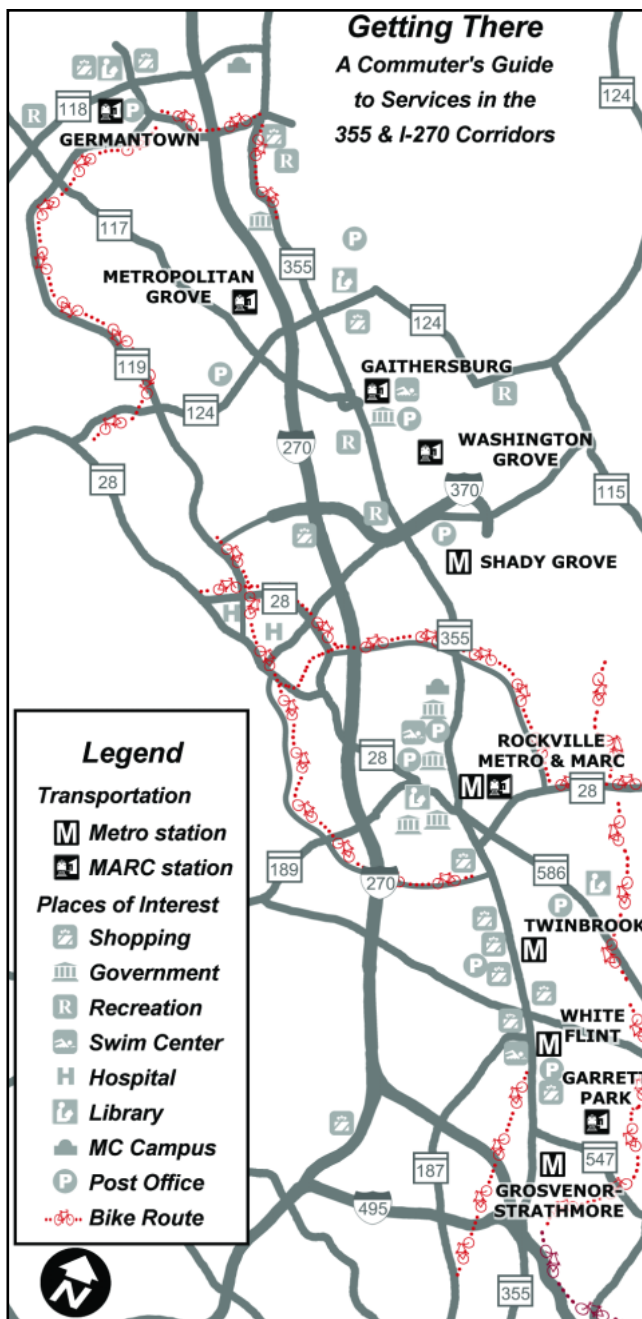**NORTH BETHESDA** **ROCKVILLE**

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Information in this brochure is current as of June
2004. For up-to-date service information, check
the websites of Ride On or WMATA listed in
"Making Public Transportation Connections" or call
the telephone numbers listed.

G E T T I N G   T H E R E

This Commuter Guide will help you move around the 355/I-270 Corridors —North Bethesda, Rockville, Gaithersburg, and Germantown — in Montgomery County, Maryland. There are a wide variety of facilities and services available in each area. (Many more could not be listed because of limited space).

You don't need a car to get around. Montgomery County offers convenient alternatives to driving alone. Each of the facilities or services listed is accessible by public transit. The County's Ride On bus system, along with Metrobus, Metrorail, and the MARC Commuter Rail, make it easy for you to move around the County. If you live and/or work in the 355/I-270 Corridors, check out the connections listed within each area.

MAKING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS

North Bethesda, Rockville, Gaithersburg, and Germantown have great transportation connections. The areas are served by Ride On and Metrobus routes, five Metrorail Red Line Stations, and MARC Commuter Rail. The following service providers will help you get to where you want to go.

Montgomery County Government Department of Public Works & Transportation Ride On Bus System Operated by the Division of Transit Services
101 Monroe Street, 5th Floor
Rockville 20850

The County's blue and white Ride On buses operate on more than 80 routes throughout the County. Most Ride On bus routes serve one or more of the 13 Metrorail Red Line Stations in the County. All the buses have bike racks. To reach the County's Transit Information Center (TIC) and to learn more about routes, fares, and schedules, call:
(240)777-RIDE (7433) (touchtone)
(240)777-5871 (rotary)
(240)777-5869 (TTY/TDD)
TIC sells passes and tokens in person. Metrocheks may also be exchanged. www. montgomerycountymd. gov (passes and tokens purchased online by credit card). For bikeways information www. bikeway.info

Montgomery County Department of Public Works & Transportation Commuter Services Section
8401 Colesville Road, Suite 150
Silver Spring 20910

Provides free personalized assistance to help you join a carpool or vanpool or other commute options.

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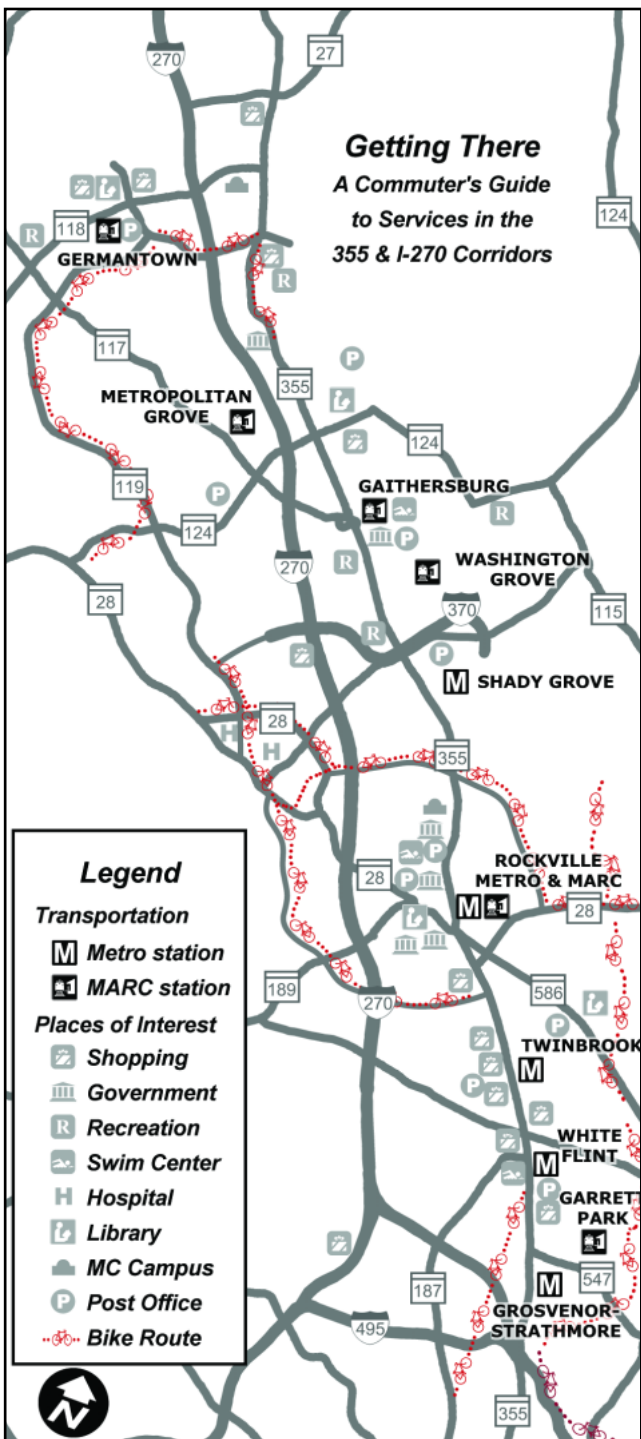
Commuter Express Store

Sells fare media and SmarTrip cards for public transportation. Works with employers to promote alternative transportation benefits for employees.
(301)770-POOL (7665)
www. montgomerycountymd. gov/commute

North Bethesda Transportation Center (NBTC)

Services include carpool matches, transit schedules, bicycle programs, shuttle services, and telework information. NBTC is a "cash key" center where you may purchase or re-load a special key to conveniently pay meter parking fees. Please call for information.
5640 Nicholson Lane, Suite 224
North Bethesda, 20852
(301)770-8108
www.nbtc.org

Commuter Connections Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG)

Provides carpool/vanpool matching and telecommuting information. COG's Guaranteed Ride Home (GRH) provides commuters who regularly vanpool, carpool, bike, walk or use public transit to work with a reliable ride home for unexpected emergencies and unscheduled overtime. The emergency ride home, up to four times a year, by taxi, rental car, bus, or train is free. 1-800-745-RIDE
777 North Capitol Street. N.E., Suite 300
Washington, D.C. 20002-4239
www.commuterconnections.org

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (METRO)

Operates Metrorail and Metrobus transit systems and MetroAccess for disabled riders. Metrobus operates on major arterials in

Montgomery County.
Metrobus routes are
planned to complement
the Metrorail system.
600 Fifth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20001
(202)637-7000 (fares and
schedules)
(202)638-3780 (TDD)
(202)962- 5719
(SmarTrip Cards)
(301)562-5360
(MetroAccess)
www.metroopensdoors.
com

MARC Commuter Rail

Operated by the
Maryland Transit
Administration (MTA),
Maryland Department of
Transportation.
20 trains per day serve
11 stations in
Montgomery County.
MARC Stations at
Rockville, Silver Spring,
and Union Station are
co-located with Metrorail
to provide fast and easy
transfers between rail
systems.
MTA Customer
Information Division
6 Saint Paul Street
Baltimore 21202-1614
Fares and Schedules:
1-800-325-RAIL (7245)
www.mtamaryland.com

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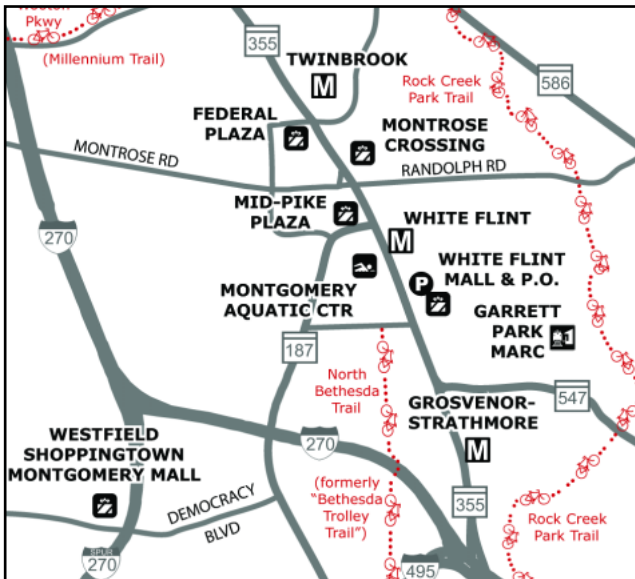
RED LINE METRORAIL STATIONS

Grosvenor–Strathmore
Ride On Bus Routes 6, 37, 46, 96
Metrobus Route J5

White Flint
Free White Flint Shuttle: Two routes.
Service to end August 2004
Ride On Bus Routes 5, 26, 38, 46, 81
Metrobus Route C8

Twinbrook
West Side of Station—Ride On Bus Routes 5, 46
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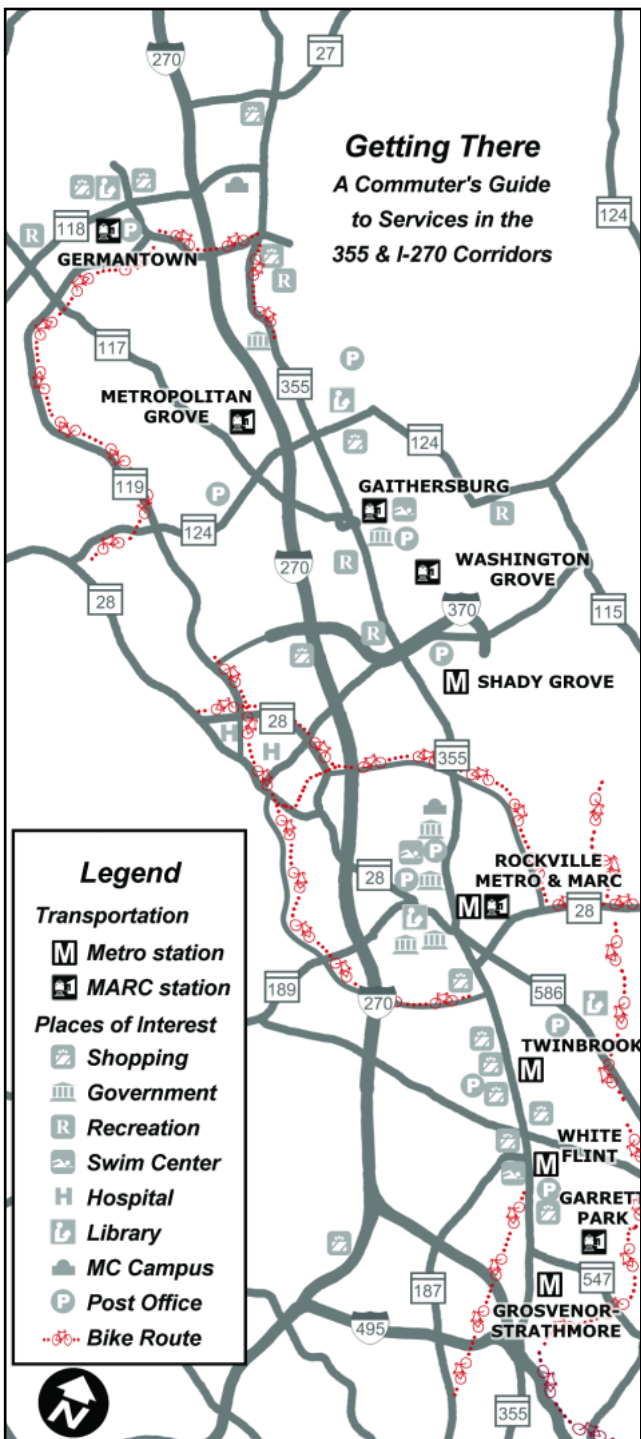**R** *Recreation*
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Garrett Park Station
Kenilworth and Rokeby Avenues
Ride On Routes S5,6

MAJOR RETAIL CENTERS

Westfield Shoppingtown Montgomery (formerly Montgomery Mall)
7101 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda (access from I-270)
Ride On Routes 6, 26, 38, 47, 96
Metrobus Routes J1, 2, 3—Bethesda-Silver Spring Line
Free Park & Ride Commuter Lot

White Flint
11301 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda
White Flint Metrorail Station (two blocks north)
Ride On Routes 5, 26, 38, 46, 81
Metrobus Route C8—White Flint-College Park Line
Free White Flint Shuttle—
Operates Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to 6:00 pm with two routes: the White Flint Route and the Executive Boulevard Route.
For information on the White Flint Shuttle, call (301)881-POOL

Mid-Pike Plaza
Rockville Pike & Montrose Road, Rockville
Ride On Routes 38, 46
Montrose/ 355 Commuter Lot
Permit and fee required. Permit Information
(301)770-8108

Montrose Crossing
Rockville Pike & Randolph Road, Rockville
Ride On Routes 38, 46

Federal Plaza—Rockville Pike & Halpine Road, Rockville
Ride On Route 46

RECREATION & COMMUNITY CENTERS

Montgomery Aquatics Center
5900 Executive Blvd., North Bethesda
Ride On Routes 5, 26

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

White Flint (in the mall)
11301 Rockville Pike
Ride On Routes 5, 26, 38, 46,81
Metrobus C8—White Flint-College Park Line
Free White Flint Shuttle

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

Strathmore Hall Arts Center
10701 Rockville Pike
North Bethesda 20852
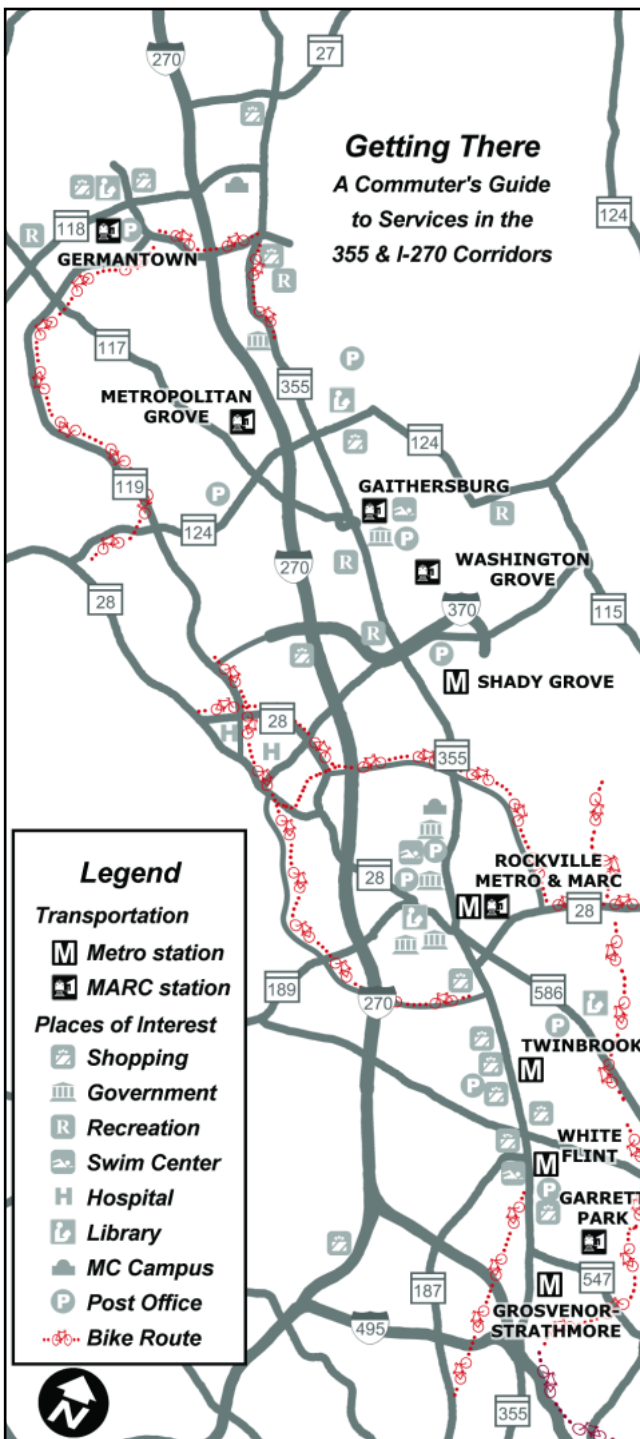(301)530-0540
www.strathmore.org
Grosvenor-Strathmore Metrorail Station
Ride On Routes 6, 37, 46, 96
Metrobus Route J5

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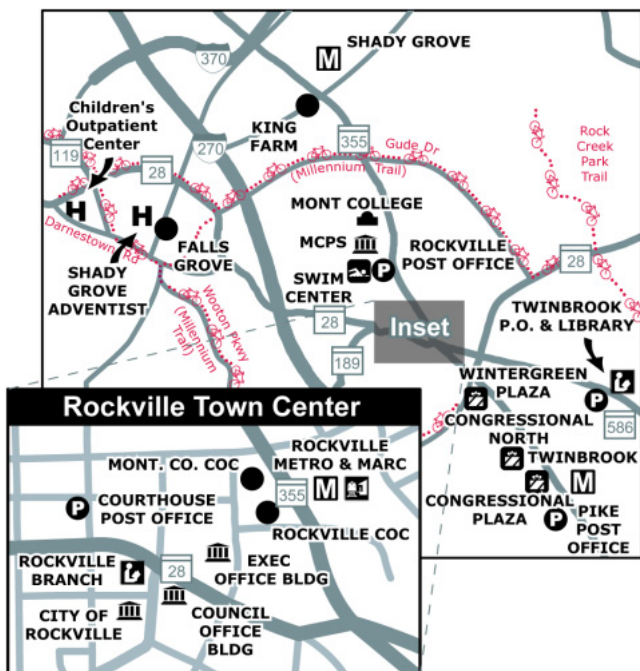A Commuter's Guide
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RED LINE METRORAIL STATIONS

Twinbrook
West Side of Station—Ride On Routes 5, 46
East Side of Station—Ride On Routes 10, 26, 44, 45, 93
Metrobus Routes C4, J5

Rockville
West Side of Station—Ride On Bus Routes 44, 46, 47, 54, 56, 63, 81
Metrobus Routes T2, Q2
East Side of Station—Ride On Bus Routes 45, 48, 49, 52, 55, 59

Shady Grove
West Side of Station—Ride On Bus Routes 46, 53, 55, 57, 59, 61. 63, 66, 67
Metrobus Route Q2
East Side of Station—Ride On Bus Routes 43, 58, 60, 62, 64, 65, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 82, 90, 124
MTA Bus 991

MARC COMMUTER RAIL

Rockville Station
307 S. Stonestreet off MD 355
(co-located with Rockville Metrorail Station)

MAJOR RETAIL CENTERS

Congressional Plaza & Congressional North
Rockville Pike, Rockville
Twinbrook Metrorail Station
(one block from Congressional Plaza)
Ride On Routes 5, 26, 46

Rockville Towne Center
Downtown Rockville
Rockville Metrorail/MARC Station
Rockville Towne Center is a short walk from the Station
The following routes serve the Metrorail/MARC Station:
Ride On Routes 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 54, 55, 56, 63, 81
Metrobus Routes T2, Q2

Wintergreen Plaza
Rockville Pike & Edmonston Drive, Rockville
Ride On Bus Routes 46, 81

RECREATION & COMMUNITY CENTERS

Rockville Municipal Swim Center
355 Martins Lane
Ride On Routes 45, 46, and 55 operate on North Washington Street near the Center

HOSPITALS

Shady Grove Adventist Hospital
9901 Medical Center Drive
Rockville 20850 (301)279-6000
www.adventisthealthcare.com
Ride On Routes 43, 56, 66

Children's Regional Outpatient Center of Montgomery County
14801 Physicians Lane
Rockville 20850 (301)424-1755
Ride On Routes 56, 67

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Department of Public Libraries
Headquarters and Main Library
99 Maryland Avenue, Rockville 20850
(240)777-0140
www.montgomerylibrary.org
Rockville Metrorail/MARC Station
The following bus routes serve the Metrorail Station.
The Department of Public Libraries is a short walk
from the Station: Ride On Routes 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49,
52, 54, 55, 56, 59, 63, 81
(Ride On Routes 47 and 56 operate on
Maryland Avenue)
Metrobus Routes T2, Q2

BRANCH LIBRARIES

Rockville Regional
99 Maryland Avenue, Rockville
(240)777-0140; (240)777-0902 (TTY)
This library is located in the same building as the
Main Library. (see above)

Twinbrook
202 Meadow Hall Drive, Rockville
(240)777-0240; (240)777-0904 (TTY)
Ride On Routes 26, 45
Metrobus Q2

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Montgomery County Government and Judicial Center
101 Monroe Street
Rockville 20850
(240)777-1000
www.montgomerycountymd.gov
Rockville Metrorail/MARC Station
The Executive Office Building of the County
Government and the Judicial Center are a short walk
from the Station. The following bus routes serve the
Metrorail/MARC Station:
Ride On Routes 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 54, 55, 56,
59, 63, 81
Metrobus Routes T2, Q2

Montgomery County Council
100 Maryland Avenue
Rockville 20850
(240)777-7900
www.montgomerycountymd.gov
(click government and then click county council)
Rockville Metrorail/MARC Station
The County Council Building is a short walk from the
Station. The following bus routes serve the Metrorail
Station: Ride On Routes 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52,
54, 55, 56, 59, 63, 81
Metrobus Routes T2, Q2

Montgomery County Public Schools Headquarters
850 Hungerford Drive
Rockville 20850
(301)279-3381
www.mcps.k12.md.us
Ride On Routes 45, 46, 55
Metrobus Route Q2

City of Rockville
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville 20850
(240)314-5000

www.rockvillemd.gov
Rockville Metrorail/MARC Station
Rockville City Hall is a short walk from the Station.
The following bus routes serve the Metrorail Station:
Ride On Routes 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 54, 55, 56,
59, 63, 81
Routes 47 and 56 operate on Maryland Avenue
Metrobus Routes T2, Q2

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Main Office
500 N. Washington Street at MD 355
Ride On Routes 45, 46, 55
Metrobus Route Q2

Courthouse
2 W. Montgomery Avenue
Metrobus T2

Rockville Pike
143 Rollins Avenue
Ride On Route 26

Twinbrook
2001 Veirs Mill Road
Metrobus Route Q2

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

Rockville Chamber of Commerce
255 Rockville Pike, Suite L10
Rockville 20850
(301)424-9300
www.rockvillechamber.org
Rockville Metrorail/MARC Station
The Chamber is a short walk from the Station.
The following bus routes serve the Metrorail Station:
Ride On Routes 44, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 55, 56, 59,
63, 81
Routes 47 and 56 operate on Maryland Avenue
Metrobus Routes T2, Q2

**Montgomery County Chamber
of Commerce**
51 Monroe Street, Suite 1609
Rockville 20850
(301)738-0015
www.montgomerychamber.com
Rockville Metrorail/MARC Station
The Chamber is a short walk from the Station.
The following bus routes serve the Metrorail Station:
Ride On Routes 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 52, 54, 55, 56,
59, 63, 81
Routes 47 and 56 operate on Maryland Avenue
Metrobus Routes T2, Q2

King Farm Community—Frederick Road and
Redland Road, Rockville 20850
King Farm Citizens Assembly and the King Farm
Civic Association serve the citizens of
King Farm in the City of Rockville
(301)548-1805
www.kingfarm.org
Nearest Metrorail Station: Shady Grove
Ride On Routes 46, 55, 59 (operate on Route 355)
Ride On Routes 63, 66
(operate on Redland Boulvard)
King Farm shuttle bus services operate within King
Farm and to the Shady Grove Metrorail Station. This
is a private shuttle for residents and visitors and
Ovington Center tenants.

FALLSGROVE Community
Route 28, Darnestown Road and Shady Grove Road, Rockville 20850
Homes, offices, retail companies
www.fallsgrove.com
Transit Center in development.
Ride On Routes currently serving near the Community:
Routes 43 & 56 operate on Shady Grove Road
Route 54 operates on Research Blvd., crossing Shady Grove and Darnestown Roads
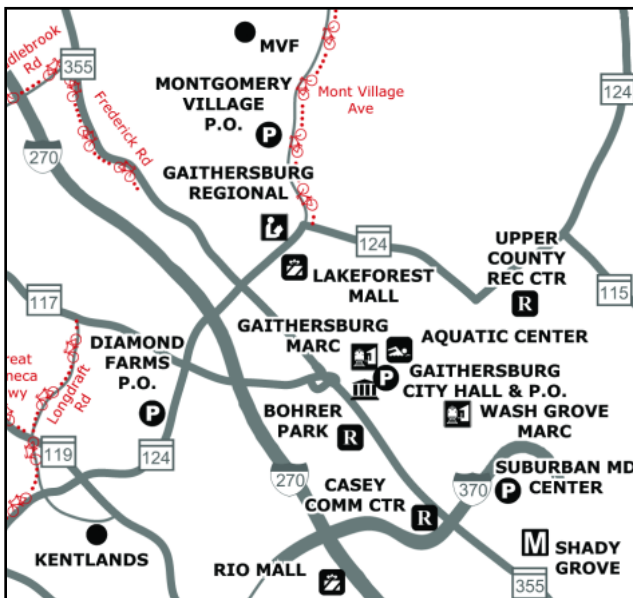Routes 63, 66 operate on Research Blvd.

Montgomery College, Rockville Campus
Route 355 and Mannakee Street
Ride On Routes 55, 46
Metrobus Route Q2

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RED LINE METRORAIL STATION

Shady Grove

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East Side of Station—Ride On Routes 43, 58, 60, 62, 64, 65, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 82, 90, 124
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MARC COMMUTER RAIL

Gaithersburg Olde Towne Station
5 South Summit Avenue at East Diamond Avenue
Ride On Route 57

Washington Grove Station
Railroad Street & Oakmont Avenue
Ride On Route 62

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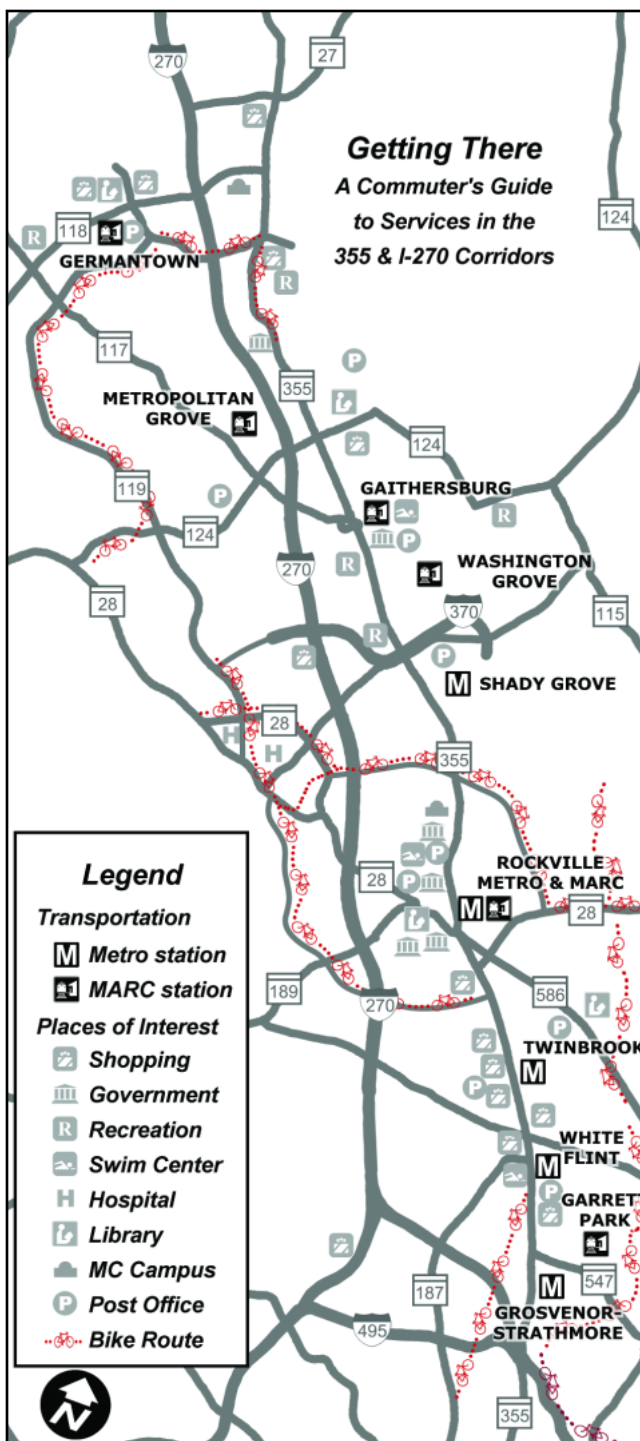
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Bike Route

Metropolitan Grove Station
Metropolitan Court off Clopper Road (MD117) adjacent
to the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA)
Route On Routes 61, 69

MAJOR RETAIL CENTERS

Lakeforest Mall
701 Russell Avenue, Gaithersburg
Lakeforest Transit Center
Ride On Routes 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 62
Metrobus Routes J8, J9
SmartMover 14C, 14D
Free Park & Ride Commuter Lot

Rio Entertainment Center/Washingtonian Center
9811 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg
(Access from I-270)
Ride On Routes 54, 74

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Gaithersburg Regional
18330 Montgomery Village Avenue,
Gaithersburg 20877
(301)840-2515; (301)840-2641 (TTY)
Ride On Routes 55, 56

RECREATION & COMMUNITY CENTERS

Casey Community Center
Operated by the City of Gaithersburg
810 S. Frederick Avenue
Ride On Routes 55, 59, 61

Water Park at Bohrer Park
Operated by the City of Gaithersburg
510 S. Frederick Avenue
Ride On Routes 55, 59, 61

Upper County
8201 Emory Grove Road, Gaithersburg
Ride On Route 64

Gaithersburg Aquatic Center
Operated by the City of Gaithersburg
2 Teachers Way, Gaithersburg
Ride On Routes 57, 62 are the closest public transit
services

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES

City of Gaithersburg
31 S. Summit Avenue
Gaithersburg 20877
(301)258-6300
www.gaithersburgmd.gov
Ride On Route 57 (intersects at East Diamond
Avenue)

U.S. POSTAL SERVICE

Main Office
21 S. Summit Avenue
Ride On Route 62

Diamond Farms
 23 Firstfield Road
Ride On Route 61

Suburban General Mail Facility
16501 Shady Grove Road
Ride On Route 43

Montgomery Village
10079 Stedwick Road
Ride On Routes 59, 60, 65

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

Kentlands Community—Kentlands Blvd. and Great
Seneca Highway, Gaithersburg, 20878
Kentlands Citizens Assembly
Kentlands is managed by the Community
Management Corporation (CMC)
(301)948-4290
www.kentlands.com
Ride On Routes 56, 76, 78

Montgomery Village Foundation (MVF)
The umbrella organization for 24 home corporations,
condominium associations, and multi-family apart-
ments. The MVF administrative office is similar to a
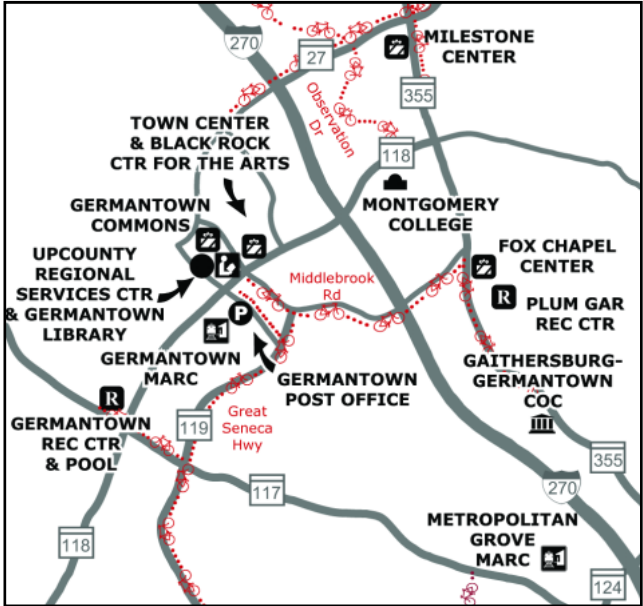town hall.
10120 Apple Ridge Road
Montgomery Village 20886
(301)948-0110
www.mvf.org
E-mail: mvinfo@mrf.org
Ride On Route 64

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MARC COMMUTER RAIL

Germantown Station
19320 Mateny Hill Road, off MD 118
Ride On Routes 68, 69

MAJOR RETAIL CENTERS

Germantown Commons
Middlebrook Road and Route 118
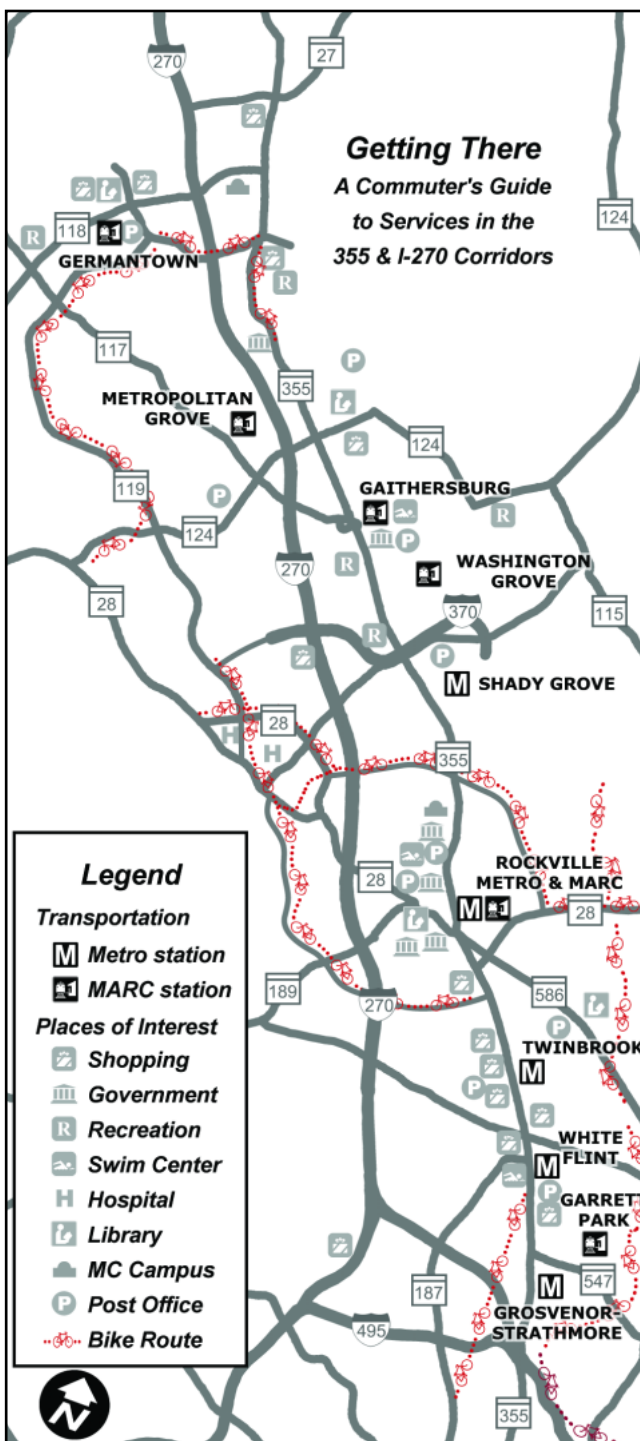Ride On Routes 61, 62, 71, 72, 77

Germantown Town Center
Middlebrook Road and Route 118
Ride On Routes 61, 62, 71, 72, 77

Fox Chapel Center
Middlebrook Road and Route 355, Germantown
Ride On Routes 55, 62, 59

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Milestone Center
Frederick Road & Shakespeare Blvd., Germantown
Ride On Routes 55, 61 (serves Center Sunday only),
62, 70, 73, 75, 79, 90
Free Park & Ride Commuter Lot

PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Germantown
12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown
(240)777-0110; (240)777-0901 (TTY)
Ride On Routes 61, 62, 71, 78

RECREATION & COMMUNITY CENTERS

Community Centers

Germantown
18905 Kingsview Road
Ride On Route 71

Plum Gar
19561 Scenery Drive, Germantown
Ride On Routes 55, 62, 79

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES

Montgomery County Government
Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road
Germantown 20875
(240)777-8000
www.montgomerycountymd.gov
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U. S. POSTAL SERVICE

Germantown
12774 Wisteria Drive
Ride On Rout

OTHER AREAS OF INTEREST

Montgomery College, Germantown Campus
20200 Observation Drive
Ride On Routes 55, 61, 62 (No Sunday service)

Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce
4 Professional Drive
Gaithersburg   20879-3426
www.ggchamber.org
Ride On Routes 55, 62 (closest)
Satellite Office located at:

Upcounty Regional Services Center
12900 Middlebrook Road, 1st Floor
Germantown 20874
Ride On Routes 61, 62, 71, 72, 78

BlackRock Center for the Arts
Germantown Town Center
12901 Town Commons Drive
(301)528-2260
Ride On Routes 61, 62, 71, 72, 77

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SOME HELPFUL HINTS

Please check the websites of WMATA and Ride On for the most up-to-date fare and transfer information, or call the phone numbers listed in this brochure.

The Montgomery County Ride On bus system operates more than 80 routes throughout the County. Ride On undergoes service changes in January, May and September. Please check the Ride On website www. montgomerycountymd. gov for service changes to your route or call the County's Transit Information Center (240)777-RIDE (7433); (240)777-5869 (TTY/TDD)

In the area from North Bethesda to Shady Grove, Ride On buses stop at one or more of the Metrorail and MARC Stations. All Ride On buses have bike racks.

Metrobuses operate on major arterials within the County and the routes are planned to complement the Metrorail system. Please check the WMATA website at www.

metroopensdoors.com for any changes to Metrobus service or call for information at (202) 637-7000; (202) 638-3780 (TDD).

To make your public transit trips easier, here are a few simple transfer procedures to follow. The bus operator will be glad to assist you.

Ride On to Ride On: Ask for a free local bus transfer!

A transfer may be used by the person to whom it has been issued on any Ride On route at any bus stop in any direction for two hours after boarding the Ride On bus.

Ride On to Metrobus: Ask for a free local bus transfer to Metrobus!

The Metrobus operator will accept local bus transfers from Ride On at transfer points.

Metrobus to Ride On: Metrobus passes are accepted by Ride On

Get a free local bus transfer from the Metrobus operator, which the Ride On bus operator will accept at transfer points. Metrobus passes are accepted by Ride On (including the Regional One Day Pass). When you use a Metrobus Pass and want to transfer to Ride On, just show the bus operator your Pass. There is no additional fare.

The Regional One-Day Pass: Ride all day

This pass is available from the bus operator and is sold on-board. You can ride all day on Ride On, Metrobus (local routes), and all other regular local bus routes operating in the National Capital Region. This Pass offers great convenience when making multiple bus trips.

Ride On to Metrorail

Separate fares must be paid for transferring from bus to rail.

Metrorail to Ride On Transfers: Ride On accepts the Metrorail transfer with a small payment.

The transfer **must** be from your originating Metrorail Station. Just give the rail-to-bus transfer to the bus operator with a small payment.

Metrocheks are **NOT ACCEPTED** on Ride On or Metrobus. They must be exchanged for Passes or Tickets **before** boarding.

In Maryland, Metrocheks can be exchanged at the Montgomery County Transit Information Center (Rockville), the Commuter Express Store (Silver Spring), or through the Fare Media By Mail Program (101 Monroe St., 5th Floor, Rockville). Exchanges can also be made at the Metrobus Landover Division.

For a list of other exchange sites in D.C. and Virginia, contact the Commuter Services Office at (301)770-POOL (7665).

Metrorail

The Metrorail system is safe and easy to use for your transit trip. Each passenger needs a fare-card to enter and exit. Fares are based on how far you ride. There are large maps in each station that show fares and travel times. Farecard machines are available in every station and some accept credit and debit cards.

Metro's SmarTrip Card is a secure and convenient farecard: permanent and rechargeable. You simply touch the card to the Metrorail station fare-gates. Fast and easy to use, the SmarTrip card also pays for parking at Metro-operated parking facilities. Beginning the last week of June 2004,

you must use it to exit from the parking facility. You may purchase a SmarTrip card at a Fare Media Sales outlet or from the website. SmarTrip cards are also being sold at selected Metrorail stations. To find out more, contact Metro at (202) 962-2575. www. metroopensdoors.com

MARC (Maryland Rail Commuter)

MARC has stations in Germantown, Gaithersburg, Rockville and Garrett Park. Ride On and Metrobus honor MARC Rail weekly or monthly commutation tickets without payment of additional fare. For schedules and fares, contact MARC at 1-800-325-Rail (7245). www. mtamaryland.com

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